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Note on the Window

CIA Man Saved From Gas Here

A Central Intelligence Agency analyst was rescued from his gas-filled Northwest apartment today after a newsboy spotted a warning note taped to an apartment window, police said.

He is in a semi-comatose condition at Gallinger Hospital and Dr. R. H. Adams said there were indications that he had taken "a good dose" of something, probably barbiturates.

The man's condition is undetermined, but Dr. Adams said he probably will go on the critical list.

NOTES

Homicide Squad detectives said a newsboy passing by the apartment house about 9:50 a. m. saw a note taped to a window, warning of gas.

He told the manager, police said. The manager got a nurse who lives in the building, went into the apartment with her, and found the man lying on the kitchen floor, police said.

All the gas jets on the kitchen range were turned on and a rug had been pushed against the crack under the door, they said.

A note to the man's brother, another to police and a third warning anyone who entered the apartment not to light a match or turn

on the gas were found, detectives said.

Police said he is married and his wife was at work.

Homicide Squad detectives said a woman employe of CIA was taken to the hospital yesterday, after taking what they called "an accidental dose of sleeping medicine."

Later the woman told detectives she was "depressed over her job," a Homicide officer said.

UNEXPLAINED DEATH

Last Wednesday, James S. Kronthal, 40-year-old CIA administrative employe, was found dead in his home at 1662 32d-st nw, by two CIA men who went to check up when he didn't show up for work.

A small glass vial and a note saying he was "mentally upset because of the pressures connected with work" were found, police said.

An autopsy failed to show what caused death. The coroner's office is waiting for results of chemical analyses now.

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